MR. C. O. MADHAVAN : (*a*) (i) Copra Bh. Rs. 1,50,528.
(ii) Coir Bh. Rs. 3,48,215.

(*b*) Information regarding expenditure incurred by the Government on the collection of duties on the above articles alone is not possible to furnish.

Bridge on the Nedumangad—Shorlacode road.

67. *MR. M. RAMIAH PILLAI (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware of the inconvenience to the public due to the collapse of the bridge at the 6th mile stone on the Nedumangad Shorlacode road during the floods in 1108 which is left unrepaired up to this ; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken to restore the bridge?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : (*a*) Yes. The bridge was damaged during the heavy rains of Kanni 1109.

(*b*) An estimate has been sanctioned for the work which is awaiting execution for want of funds.

The Traffic Committee.

68. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the date on which the Traffic Committee was appointed ; and

(*b*) the recommendations, if any, made to Government by the Committee up to 31st Mithunam 1112, with the particulars of each ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : (*a*) 26-10-1936.

(*b*) The Committee has recommended that the Trivandrum Nagercoil bus route be taken over and operated by Government.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : Has any period been fixed, in the communique appointing the Committee, for the submission of the report ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : I do not think so.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : How many sittings were held up to the end of Mithunam 1112 ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : Six meetings were held, and papers were also circulated.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know whether all these six meetings were for this purpose ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : Absolutely.

MR. PULIYOOR T P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know the reasons which weighed with the Government for not appointing a single non-official to serve on this Committee ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT . Government appointed a Committee which they thought would carry out the purpose best.

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